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Dear Tian Yu

Thanks for your message about the Registration fee. I have been in touch again with Trinity, and they want a deposit of £500 by 1st January to confirm the booking for next September. I have discussed the situation with Jeremy, and we feel that there is NO WAY we can raise such a large sum so soon. After all we don't have a list of agreed speakers (agreed to speak that is) and we cannot expect to raise any money until we have something very specific to offer in the way of the programme. In the circumstances we have no option but to defer the conference until 1998. Once you have raised your £4000, we will have something solid in the bank to pay out deposits, etc. But we can't bank-roll the conference with money we don't actually have! The bottom line is that we need 18 months, rather than 9 months, to get everything properly organized. So I propose that we reset the date for 18th-20th September 1998. I would much rather wait a bit longer and make the whole thing a real success than go off at half-cock so to speak.

With best wishes

Michael